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1. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MARCH 14, INDONESIAN
MINISTER OF MINES SADLI, WHO HAD BEEN DELEGATE TO ALGIERS
OPEC SUMMIT, CONFIRMED THAT MOST OF DISCUSSIONS IN ALGIERS
WAS ON NEED FOR SOLIDARITY BETWEEN OPEC AND OTHER DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY "DAKAR GROUP."

2. ADMITTING THAT MEETING WAS VERY MUCH ALGERIAN SHOW
FOLLOWING ON SUCCESSES AT UN SPECIAL SESSION AND DAKAR,
SADLI SAID OTHER COUNTIES HAD LITTLE ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
FOLLOW ALGERIAN LEAD. WHILE THEY HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT
ALGERIAN TACTICS, THERE WAS WIDE FEELING WHICH INDONESIA
SHARES, THAT NEW ECONOMIC OFFER IS DESIRABLE. INDONESIA
IS PART OF THIRD WORLD AND WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW IS PART
OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO IMPROVE TERMS OF TRADE BETWEEN
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD IN WHICH OPEC IS TAKING
LEAD. SADLI SAID HE BELIEVED IT NECESSARY FOR US TO
UNDERSTAND THIS AND TO TRY TO ACCOMODATE TO ASPIRATIONS

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OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS REFLECTED IN SOLEMN DECLAR-

ATION. SADLI SAID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DID NOT EXPECT TO ACHIEVE EVERYTHING BUT THEY DID WANT CERTAIN BASIC CHANGES IN RELATIONSHIPS. IN CORRIDOR TALK IN ALGERIA, FRENCH WERE MUCH MORE POPULAR THAN US BECAUSE OF APPEARANCE THEY HAVE GIVEN OF GREATER SYMPATHY TOWARD ASPIRATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. WHEN SADLI ASKED AMBASSADOR WHETHER UNITED STATES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE CALLED FOR BY FRENCH, AMBASSADOR SAID WE HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS BUT BELIEVED CONFERENCE COULD BE SUCCESS ONLY IF THERE WAS ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND AGREEMENT AMONG CONSUMERS.

4. AMBASSADOR CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT WAS NOT EASY FOR US TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH CONFERENCE, GIVEN PRESENT FEELINGS AGAINST OPEC AND AGAINST WHAT ARE CONSIDERED UNREASONABLE DEMANDS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IF CONFERENCE OPENS WITH RHETORICAL DEMAND BY ALGERIANS FOR CONFERENCE AGREEMENT ON POINTS IN SOLEMN DECLARATION, US PARTICIPATION WILL BECOME DIFFICULT. US WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC ITEMS RELATING TO ENERGY AND UNDERSTANDS DESIRE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES AS WELL. ENERGY, HOWEVER, REMAINS, IN US EYES, PRIMARY PROBLEM. UN SPECIAL SESSION TACTICS WERE NOT WELL RECEIVED IN UNITED STATES AND THERE WILL NOT BE CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS FROM CONSUMER/PRODUCER CONFERENCE IF SAME TACTICS ARE FOLLOWED. SADLI RECEIVED THESE WORDS SILENTLY BUT THOUGHTFULLY.

5. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR FROM CONVERSATION WITH SADLI THAT INDONESIA IS NOT UNSYMPATHETIC TO INCREASINGLY POLITICIZATION. AT ONE POINT SADLI, WITH SOME OBVIOUS PLEASURE, SAID OPEC IS "BECOMING LOCOMOTIVE FOR DEMANDS OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

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